



Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board

MINUTES

**Santa Barbara Sister Cities Board
September 1, 2010**



Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Takako Wakita at noon.

The Secretary called the Roll.

Members attending were: Takako Wakita, Chairperson; Wayne Hewitt, Vice Chairperson; Janet Baker, Recording Secretary; Marianne Freeman, Dingle, Ireland; David Gorbet, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Gary Maxwell, Toba, Japan; George Lilly, Kotor, Montenegro; and Mariella Stockmal, Patras, Greece.

Members absent were: Jaime Sodusta, San Juan Philippines and Joe Cantrell, Weihai, China.

Also attending were Mayor Helene Schneider, City Council Liaison and Linda Gunther, Staff Representative.

On a motion duly made, seconded and approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 21, 2010, were approved as corrected. Paragraph 2 of the 9/11 Concert report should read "the program being". Page 2 under Proposal for new Sister City in Patras, Greece should read "Takako introduced Theona Condos, spokeswoman for the Patras, Greece Advocate Group".

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Patras, Greece was approved by the City Council as a new Sister City for Santa Barbara on August 24, 2010. Mayor Schneider reported that she has a weekly radio show on Saturdays which is taped either on Thursdays or Fridays and she suggested that someone representing Sister Cities be on her program to tell about the Sister Cities Program and tell about the upcoming 9/11 Concert. Takako said she would represent the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010: The Calendar of Events for 2010 was reviewed and it was announced that in September the Dingle Sister City will be having a meeting on September 14th. The Puerto Vallarta Sister City's annual trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico will be November 9 - 17th 2010.

SCI CONFERENCE: No report.

9/11 CONCERT: Takako reported she sent flyers to each Representative for them to make copies and circulate to their members. Takako reviewed the program for the event and requested that each group be responsible for one plate of finger food for the reception to follow the Concert. Marianne Freeman will be in charge of the Reception and will provide the punch and paper goods. Dave Gorbet and Wayne Hewitt volunteered to help set up for the reception. Takako said there would be tables available for the groups to display their brochures at the reception.

UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 21, 2010: Takako said that reports were that last years celebration was the best ever but would like to see this one be even better. Takako reported that a sub-committee consisting of herself, Dr. Peter Haslund, Linda Mathews and Janet Baker had a meeting recently at the University Club to discuss possible ways to improve this event. Takako said she will make up the invitation and send a copy to each representative to be reproduced and sent to their members. She reminded the Board that, as in the past, if a person does not bring food they will be charged \$15.00. Each group is responsible for four to five raffle prizes valued at least \$10.00 each and each group will provide one person to sell tickets. Assignment of duties for the evening was discussed. Food Service - Dingle, Ireland; Desserts and Coffee - Kotor, Patras and Weihai; MC - Mark Hamilton; Raffle - Sally Hamilton; Registration Desk - Janet Baker and Wayne Hewitt. Set Up - Puerto Vallarta and Clean Up - Toba.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE AT GOLETA VALLEY LIBRARY : Not available until October 2011.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASE AT MAIN LIBRARY: Reserved for March 2011.

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITIES CORNER AT THE MAIN LIBRARY: No report.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY TV (CHANNEL 17) : Wayne Hewitt reported he had talked to a representative at the station and he was told that a three to four minute for each group time slot to tell their story and video would cost approximately \$3,000.00 to put together. Takako said that Dr. Haslund had said that his students could do it for \$50.00. After due discussion, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried it was moved that Dr. Haslund proceed with this program.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Patras, Greece: Mariella reported they had their first meeting last week and had formed four committees: Athletics, Cultural, Student Exchange with UCSB, and Greek wine cooking class. She reported they had 114 people sign up to become members of the group.

Toba, Japan: Gary Maxwell reported that a pool party for the students from Japan and their host families was held at his home during Fiesta and 40 members and guests attended. He reported the students from Santa Barbara returned from Toba on August 20th and they were very impressed with the Japanese culture. Gary said a delegation from Toba, including their Mayor, will be coming to Santa Barbara on October 20th for a three day visit and will be attending the UN Dinner.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: David Gorbet reported there has been a change in distribution of the Las Noticias. All members that have E-Mail will be getting their Las Noticias by E-Mail, those without E-Mail capability will get it through the regular U.S. Post Office mail. A delegation from Puerto Vallarta was here for ten days the end of July and the visitation to Puerto Vallarta will be November 9-17th.

Kotor, Montenegro: George Lilly reported that two students from SBCC Culinary School went to Kotor this summer. The group is planning another fund raiser dinner to be held in Los Angeles the later part of October.

San Juan, Philippines: No representative present.

Weihai, China: No representative present.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Baker, Recording Secretary